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SUBJECT: DELIVERY OF LETTER CONFIRMING NO CWC DECLARABLE
ACTIVITIES ON BIOT

REF: A. 08 LONDON 3149
[1](#)B. SECSTATE 6792
[1](#)C. LATIF-PALMER EMAIL 2/05/09 (AND PREVIOUS)
[1](#)D. VAUGHN-PALMER EMAIL 2/06/09 2009

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[1](#)1. (S/REL UK) Poloff delivered February 10 to Joanne Yeadon, Head of the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) and Pitcairn Section of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Overseas Territories Directorate, a letter signed by Poloff that stated:

"Further to our earlier discussions, I have been authorized to hereby affirm on behalf of the United States Government that there were no Chemical Weapons Convention declarable activities on the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) during 2008. I further affirm that there are no chemical weapons stockpiles or anything whatsoever in contravention of the Chemical Weapons Convention on the BIOT." (Refs C and D)

[1](#)2. (S) Yeadon confirmed that delivery of this letter satisfied in regard to the BIOT the November 24, 2008 UK Department of Energy and Climate Change request to the Overseas Territories Directorate "to confirm whether your Territory has any CWC declarable activities for 2008." (Ref A)

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